be taken that it will come into force at once.

I move that the Bill may be taken up and passed on Thursday.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

President.—The question before the House is that the Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure be taken up and passed at a meeting on Thursday, the 4th of Dhanu 1105.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation.

President.—The next item is "the Law Member will move to introduce a Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation".

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation be read in Council. The definition of the term 'intoxicating drug' in Section 3 (14) is defective in that it does not include synthetic preparations of Cocaine.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

President.—Is this also treated as a non-controversial measure?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We never heard anything about it. Without hearing what it is, we can't say.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—It is left to the Hon'ble Members to say that they want a discussion. What I said was that the intention of the International Opium Convention is to absolutely prohibit the cultivation of the Coca plant in Cochin and elsewhere. Secondly in the Abkari Regulation the definition of the term 'intoxicating drug' is defective in that it does not include synthetic preparations of Cocaine.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is it medicinal coca or ordinary coca? I think that must be defined.

Mr. C. V. Antony.—It is cocaine.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Have you got this coca plant now?

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I think we have got a plant at Bolghatty.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I have not seen it anywhere in the State. We have no objection with regard to this Bill.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Nobody knows anything about it or about the plant.

President.—The question before the House is that the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation be read in Council.

Question put and agreed to.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'A Bill

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to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation'.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I request that Standing Order No. 32 may be suspended in the case of this Bill also.

President.—Suspended.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I move that the Bill may be taken up for consideration at once.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

President.—The question before the House is that the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation be taken up for consideration at once.

Question put and agreed to.

President.—Clause 1. "This Regulation may be called the Cochin Abkari (Amendment) Regulation..... of 110 ...".

Clause put and agreed to.

President.—Clause 2. "In Section 3, clause (14) of the Cochin Abkari Regulation, I of 1077 (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulation) after the word 'bhang' the word 'coca' shall be inserted and the following shall be added:—

'It shall further include any intoxicating substance together with every preparation and admixture of the same which the Diwan may, by notification in the Cochin Government Gazette, declare to be an intoxicating drug for the purposes of this Regulation'.

Clause put and agreed to.

President.—Clause 3. "(1) In Section 12 of the said Regulation the words "No hemp plant (Cannabis Sativa or indica) or Coca plant (Erythoxylen Coca) shall be cultivated" and "no portion of the hemp or coca plant from which any intoxicating drug can be manufactured shall be collected" shall be omitted ; and

(2) The Section so amended shall be numbered as sub-section (1) of Section 12 and the following shall be added as sub-section (2), namely:—

"(2) The cultivation of the hemp and the coca plant is absolutely prohibited".

Clause put and agreed to.

President.—Clause 4. "In Section 15 of the said Regulation the following words shall be omitted, namely:—

"and a cultivator or owner of any plant from which an intoxicating drug is produced may sell without a license those portions of the plant from which the intoxicating drug is manufactured or produced to any person licensed under this Regulation to sell, manufacture, or export intoxicating drugs, or to any officer whom the Superintendent may generally or specially authorise ".

Clause put and agreed to.

President.—Clause 5. "In Section 39 line 3 of the said Regulation after the word 'be' the following words shall be inserted, namely "any cultivation of the hemp or coca plant or.".

Clause put and agreed to.

President.—The Preamble of the Bill is :—

" Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation, I of 1077, it is hereby enacted as follows:—"

Preamble put and agreed to.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I move that the Bill may be

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taken up and passed on Thursday.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

President.—The question before the House is that the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation, I of 1077, be taken up and passed at a meeting on Thursday, the 4th of Dhanu 1105.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

1. Diversion of water from the Karuvannur river.—(cont.)

President.—We shall next proceed with the further consideration of the resolution about the diversion of the Karuvannur river. The last speaker yesterday was Dr. A. R. Menon. Have you finished yesterday?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, when this resolution was put down, I had not the slightest idea of taking part in the discussion of this important resolution, and that was because the subject was concerned only with one particular Taluk there, and also because Hon'ble Members near that locality had discussed the question in all its aspects. It was then our duty to support as much as we can by our vote. But, after hearing the Hon'ble the Engineering Member in the House, I think that I should be failing in my duty, if I do not contribute a few words. The resolution reads thus:—

"*That in view of the great sufferings caused by successive floods from the Manali and Kurumali rivers, this House recommends to the Government to take up at once the scheme of the diversion of water from the Karuvannur river.*"

The proposition for the diversion of the water from the Karuvannur river to save the lives and property of the people in that locality more than once endangered was a Government proposition. It was brought forward by the Government themselves. It was with them for a number of years. They had taken up the necessary grants from here times without number. Once they had a lump allotment of one lakh of rupees for this purpose. They spent nothing because they said that the schemes were not yet mature. At last they came forward with a scheme of their own and induced us to sanction the amount in the budget.

President.—Was the amount sanctioned for the diversion? I think it is for irrigation.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Hon'ble Member for Kattur said that money was provided in the budget for this Pallisseri scheme. Five thousand rupees was specifically provided. Perhaps it may not be enough. That of course may not be sufficient. It is for them to estimate what would be the correct amount.

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